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前 言

听力是英语教学中四项基本技能之一，也是大学生面临的一个难点。突破这一难点犹如牵一发而动全身，必将有助于其他单项技能的训练，同时也为培养学生交际能力奠定了一个良好的基础。众所周知，要提高听力，不是一朝一夕就能达到的。学生需要经过长期、大量、反复的操练。同时，听力材料的选用也异常关键。《活力英语听力教程——Let's Listen》就是按照大学英语教学大纲的要求，根据我国大学生听力水平及英语教学特点而编写的一本听力教材。编写该书的目的在于指导学生进行系统的培训，帮助学生循序渐进地提高听力水平；同时也为学生参加大学英语三、四、六级考试及其他相关考试提供实战训练。

本书内容丰富，题材广泛，材料新颖，信息量大，涉及各种情

景对话，所选文章包括政治、经济、文化、科技、历史、地理、体育等各类题材。难度由浅入深，编排合理。

本书针对性强，适合各类大专院校的学生学习，尤其适用于参加大学英语三、四、六级考试及其他相关考试的学生。对英语爱好者而言，它也是一本难得的课外听力自学训练材料。

本书共分 30 个单元。每个单元由三部分组成，分别是听写填空、对话和短文，每一单元都列出了相应生词、短语及习惯搭配，便于学习者使用。书后还附有原文材料和参考答案，并配有录音磁带。磁带由具有多年教学经验的外籍专家朗读，语音标准，语调纯正、地道。

总之，本书针对学生听力普遍较差这一特点，集中了大量翔实、丰富的材料，是一本实用性很强的听力训练材料。它对于提高学生听力水平和应试能力都会有很大帮助。本书也可作为英语教师的参考资料。

本书由西南财经大学语言文化学院长期从事大学英语教学工作、具有丰富听力教学经验的教师编写。当然，由于编写时间有限及各种因素的制约，书中不免存在不足之处，敬请读者及各位同行指正。

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Unit One

Word Bank

1. conversation n. 对话
2. camera n. 相机
3. compound n. 化合物, 合成物
4. permanent a. 永远的
5. simplify v. 简化
6. refinement n. 精炼物, 精炼, 精加工

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you can write down the missing parts. The last reading will be read at normal speed again for you to check your work.

When the 1 settlers, especially the English, arrived in the New World, the hardships and 2 awaiting them were totally 3. Had it not been for some 4, Indians, the colonists never would have survived the terrible 5. They knew nothing about planting crops, hunting animals, building sod houses, or making clothing from animal skins. Life in England had been much simpler, and this 6 life was 7 like what the Spanish 8 had reported.

The settlers did introduce iron tools, hunting, domesticated animals, and political ways to the Indians. In exchange, the settlers learned to build canoes for water transportation and snowshoes for winter traveling. The Indians also taught them to blaze trails through the forest, to hunt large animals and trap smaller ones, and to spear fish in the lakes and streams.

The 9 also introduced to the settlers 10 foods such as turkey, corn squash, beans and pumpkin. Everything possible was done in order to make their new settlement resemble the homes they had left behind.

Section B: 对话 (Dialogues)

Directions: In this part you'll hear ten short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what has been said. Listen carefully and decide which of the four choices is the best answer to the question you've heard.

1. A. Daughter and father. B. Client and lawyer.
C. Patient and doctor. D. Athlete and coach.
2. A. Kathy got a letter from home today.
B. Kathy wrote a letter to her family.
C. Kathy is expecting a letter from her family.
D. Kathy won't receive a letter from her family very soon.
3. A. She did poorly on the exam.
B. She complained about the man making the highest mark.
C. She often makes careless mistakes.
D. She wanted the highest grade but got only the second highest.
4. A. Bill will buy the car as soon as he gets the money.
B. Bill's friend is buying the car.
C. Bill can't afford to buy a new car.
D. Bill has already made the down payment on the car.
5. A. He was speeding.
B. He ran a red light.
C. He went through a stop sign.
D. He turned a corner too fast.
6. A. Eating in the cafeteria.
B. Buying something in the store.
C. Talking on the telephone.
D. Getting money at the bank.
7. A. Cold and windy.
B. Snow will be replaced by strong wind.
C. Rainy and cold.
D. It will get better.
8. A. The service is slow. B. There is no salad.
C. The price is out of sight. D. The food is poor.
9. A. She didn't enjoy her trip.

- B. She enjoyed her trip to the ocean.
C. She felt cold.
D. She fell into the water.
10. A. In the hotel. B. In the library.
C. In the cafeteria. D. At the railway station.

Section C: 短文 (Short Passages)

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Passage 1

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A. getting bullet. B. shooting.
C. Practicing. D. getting target.
12. A. He wasn't a good soldier.
B. Peter and his friend were practicing their shooting.
C. Peter was quite hopeless.
D. Peter always missed his target.
13. A. He wasted his last bullet.
B. He was behind the wall.
C. The officer was anxious.
D. He was not good at shooting, he missed again.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A. The number of students they take in is limited.
B. They receive little or no support from public taxes.
C. They are only open to children from rich families.
D. They have to pay more taxes.
15. A. Private schools admit more students.
B. Private schools charge less than religious schools.
C. Private schools run a variety of programs.
D. Private schools allow students to enjoy more freedom.
16. A. The churches. B. The program designers.
C. The local authorities. D. The state government.

Passage 3

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

17. A. Light darkens silver salt.
B. A chemical compound.
C. A big box with small hole.
D. A kind of paper we now use.
18. A. By placing common salt on the metal.
B. By using a special piece of metal sensitized with silver salt.
C. By developing the kind of paper we now use.
D. By making portrait (肖像) poses popular.
19. A. Photography made in 1826.
B. The painter improved on the process by placing common salt on the metal.

- C. The invention of silver salt.
D. The famous picture of the American Civil War.
20. A. The so-called "instant" camera with self-developing film.
B. Silver salt.
C. New kind of paper.
D. Famous pictures.

Unit Two

Word Bank

1. Italian a. 意大利的
2. telegraph n. 电报
3. transcontinental a. 越洋的
4. Atlantic a. 大西洋的
5. scabbard n. (剑、匕首或刺刀的)鞘
6. suspension n. 悬着, 悬挂

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For centuries, parrots have been prized pets because of their 1_____ ability to mimic 2_____ speech. Recently, an Amazon parrot named Baby put her vocal talent to unusual use: She helped break up a 3_____ of burglars thought to be responsible for crimes involving the 4_____ of over 5_____ in property. A recent robbery victim reported to the police in Dayton, Texas, that her parrot, Baby, had had only at twenty-eight word vocabulary, but after the robbery the bird started to say the new phrases "Come back Robert!" and "Come here Ronnie!"

The police detective was delighted. Ronnie and Robert were the 6_____ of his two 7_____ suspects. A 8_____ man had already been arrested in the 9_____ and soon explained under 10_____ what had happened. When the robbers entered the house they heard Baby talking and thought someone was at home. Ronnie and Robert began 11_____ away, while the third man yelled for them to come 12_____ several times.

Section B: 对话 (Dialogues)

Directions: In this part you'll hear ten short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what has been said. Listen carefully and decide which of the four choices is the best answer to the question you've heard.

1. A. The man couldn't give up smoking.
B. The man found it easy to give up smoking.

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11. A. Gold was discovered.
B. The Transcontinental Railroad was completed.
C. The Golden Gate Bridge was constructed.
D. Telegraph communications were established with the East.
12. A. Two million.
B. Three million.
C. Five million.
D. Six million.
13. A. Nineteen million dollars.
B. Thirty-two million dollars.
C. Thirty-seven million dollars.
D. Forty-two million dollars.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A. The difference between classical music and rock music.
B. Why classical music is popular with math students.
C. The effects of music on the results of math tests.
D. How to improve your reasoning ability.
15. A. Because it stimulates your nerve activity.
B. Because it keeps you calm.
C. Because it strengthens your memory.
D. Because it improves your problem to solve strategies.
16. A. Piano music could interfere with your reasoning ability.
B. The effects of music do not last long.
C. The more you listen to music, the higher your test scores will be.
D. Music, whether classical or rock, helps improve your memory.

Passage 3

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

17. A. £ 25. B. £ 20. C. £ 40. D. £ 50.
18. A. 18 inches wide and 18 inches deep.
B. 18 inches wide and 15 inches deep.
C. 16 inches wide and 18 inches deep.
D. 16 inches wide and 16 inches deep.
19. A. They thought it was a coffin probably.
B. They thought it was a wood box.
C. They thought it was a book case.
D. they thought it was a set of shelves.

20. A. Because he was carrying a heavy load.
B. Because it was the evening rush hour.
C. Because it was raining.
D. Both A and B.

Unit Three

Word Bank

1. jet n. 喷气式飞机
2. foolish a. 愚笨的
3. refrigerator n. 冰箱
4. assignment n. 指定的作业
5. kitchen n. 厨房
6. supermarket n. 超市

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Robert Edwards was 1 in an 2 accident nine years ago. He was also partially 3 because of old age. Last week, he was strolling near his home when a thunderstorm approached. He took refuge under a tree and was struck by lightning. He was knocked to the ground and woke up some twenty minutes later, lying face down in water below a tree. He went into the house and lay down in bed. A short time later, he woke ; his legs were 4 and he was trembling, but, when he opened his eyes, he could see the 5 across the room 6 in and out in front of him. When his wife entered, he saw her for the first time in nine years. Doctors confirm that he has regained his sight and hearing apparently from the flash of lightning, but they are unable to explain the occurrence. The only possible 7 offered by one doctor was that, since Edwards lost his 8 as a result of 9 a terrible accident, perhaps the only way it could be 10 was by another trauma.

Section B: 对话 (Dialogues)

Directions: In this part you'll hear ten short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what has been said. Listen carefully and decide which of the four choices is the best answer to the question you've heard.

1. A. He went to New York three times.
B. He went there by plane.

- C. He had difficulty making up his mind.
- D. He didn't go to New York in the end.
- 2. A. The picture is failing.
- B. The picture is not straight.
- C. The picture is bottom up.
- D. The picture is in the right position.
- 3. A. Getting another ticket at the door.
- B. Waiting for the man at the door.
- C. Exchanging the ticket for a better one.
- D. Trying to sell the ticket.
- 4. A. To wait for her turn.
- B. To fill in an application form.
- C. To make phone call.
- D. He shares the woman's opinion.
- 5. A. In a kitchen. B. In an orchard.
- C. In a garden. D. At a picnic.
- 6. A. She found the assignment very difficult.
- B. The assignment was very difficult to complete in 30 minutes.
- C. The man couldn't finish the assignment because he was busy.
- D. She found it hard to believe so much time the man had spent.
- 7. A. Excellent. B. Hard to swallow.
- C. Optimistic. D. Not very good.
- 8. A. She is mad.
- B. She sells stoves and refrigerator.
- C. She is an apartment manager.
- D. She is a real estate agent.
- 9. A. She will sell him a cup of coffee.
- B. The coffee's cup is full.

- C. She'd like some coffee.
- D. Coffee is hard on her nerves.
- 10. A. He failed to book a room in the Palace Hotel.
- B. He doesn't like the service in the Palace Hotel.
- C. He is complaining about the Queens Hotel.
- D. He is attending a conference.

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- 11. A. A journey. B. A passenger.
- C. A pilot. D. A jet plane.
- 12. A. \$25 million. B. \$400 million.
- C. \$35 million. D. \$6,000 million.
- 13. A. Because there are many pilots.
- B. Because there are twice as many engines as the jet needs.
- C. Because it is very big.
- D. Because it does not fly very fast.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A. A car outside the supermarket.
B. A car at the bottom of the hill.
C. Paul's car.
D. The sports car.
15. A. Inside the car.
B. At the foot of the hill.
C. In the garage.
D. Outside the supermarket.
16. A. The driver of the sports car.
B. The two girls inside the car.
C. The bus driver.
D. Paul.
17. A. Nobody.
B. The two girls.
C. The man standing nearby.
D. The salesman from London.

Passage 3

Questions 18 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

18. A. A big cake.
B. A house full of food.
C. A cake on the end of his nose.
D. A plane.
19. A. beautiful girl.
B. An old woman.
C. A little boy.
D. An old man.

20. A. A big cake.
B. A house full of food.
C. A plane.
D. Nothing.

Unit Four

Word Bank

1. launch v. 使(某事物)开始, 使行动
2. bruise v. 使受挫伤
3. broadcast v. n. 广播
4. acknowledge v. 承认
5. frustrate v. 受挫折
6. discriminate v. 歧视

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The most 1_____ passages address how World Cup 99 affected teams from other countries that participated. After one North Korean player discovered she could visit a dentist for free, the majority of her teammates complained of dental ailments as well. The Nigerian star Mercy Akide returned to the US after the 2_____ and enrolled at Milligan College in Tennessee, where she played last season. Longman visited China to speak with the runner-up and 3_____ the myth that the Chinese players were "a paper chain of dolls, identical, unchanging, as mass produced as Andy Warhol's soup cans". We hear at length from tournament MVP Sun Wen, a poetry-writing 4_____ goalkeeper Gao Hong, a Christian in an officially atheist land ; and Liu Ying, the tragic figure who missed the 5_____ penalty kick that determined the winner.

Longman takes too many gratuitous shots at US men's soccer, but his 6_____ about the World Cup's enormous impact is 7_____. Women's soccer still has a long way to go to gain full international respect, but the Chinese women are now 8_____ the pro men's league in one of their country's provinces. The European governing body, UEFA, has organized a women's pro club tournament to 9_____ the US league, WUSA, that 10_____ next April. Longman even quotes Henry Kissinger extolling President Clinton's use of the World Cup to advance Sino US relations.

Section B: 对话 (Dialogues)

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1. A. She'd like the store to send it to her.
B. It will arrive next week.
C. It must be wrapped quickly.
D. She will take it with her to save trouble.
2. A. The woman is very good at gardening.
B. The woman hires a good gardener.
C. The man offers to do the gardening for the woman.
D. The man wants to hire the woman to do gardening.
3. A. In Europe.
B. At the university.
C. In a photographer's studio.
D. In a bank.
4. A. He really doesn't know.
B. He doesn't think the weather will make any difference.
C. He thinks they will lose if the weather is bad.
D. He has no opinion on the matter.
5. A. He is making a withdrawal from the bank.
B. He is robbing the woman.
C. He is a doctor to administer a needle to a patient.
D. He is admitting her to a hospital.
6. A. Finish the first half of the project right away.

- B. Make an effort to make a compromise.
C. Have the teacher review the project.
D. Meet his partner in the middle of town.
7. A. She doesn't like the football.
B. She thinks it is better to watch on TV.
C. She is too busy to go.
D. She doesn't know how to get there.
8. A. He fell.
B. He had a fight.
C. He was killed.
D. He was punished.
9. A. She has to finish the report before Thursday.
B. She needn't rush to finish the report.
C. She needs to take the report home in order to finish it on time.
D. She needn't finish the report because he won't attend the meeting next week.
10. A. They can't really afford to buy a house.
B. They should buy a new house.
C. They should buy an old house.
D. They should cut down their other expenses.

Section C: 短文 (Short Passages)

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Passage 1

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11. A. 25 million.
B. 80 million.
C. 14 million.
D. 18 million.
12. A. English, French and Chinese.
B. Russian, Spanish and Italian.
C. Portuguese, Korean and Swahili.
D. English, Arabic and Russian.
13. A. Interviews, broadcast in easy English as well as news and musical programs.
B. Rock and jazz.
C. Interviews and musical programs, etc.
D. News broadcast and language teaching programs.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A. Seeking for a new job.
B. Having personal interviews.
C. Asking for information about new positions.
D. Working in some companies.
15. A. An interview in a company.
B. A letter from an employment agency.
C. A telephone call from a company.
D. A visit by someone from a company.
16. A. Because of passing the interviews.

- B. Because of getting the job.
- C. Because of working in a new position.
- D. Because of some well-paid jobs.

Passage 3

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

17. A. A lady made a wrong call.
B. The speaker telephoned a lady.
C. The lady's husband was sick and wanted to see a doctor.
D. The doctor was out when the lady called.
18. A. Trying to help the lady.
B. Getting very angry with the lady.
C. Feeling sorry for the call.
D. Trying to explain the situation.
19. A. To send her husband to the doctor's office.
B. To telephone the speaker.
C. To change her appointment.
D. To call the speaker for help.
20. A. Because her husband was sick.
B. Because she called a wrong number.
C. Because she thought the speaker wasted her time.
D. Because the speaker refused to help her.